



2016-2017 Course Selection GUIDE



BENZIE CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Educating Every Corner Of Our Community

Benzie Central Middle School

7th GRADES COURSES

BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS

BCCS Mission Statement:

THE MISSION OF THE BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT MOTIVATES ALL STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL BY PROVIDING THE NECESSARY SKILLS TO BECOME LIFE LONG LEARNERS AND LEADERS IN A CHANGING SOCIETY.

Vision Statement

Every Learner will reach his or her potential in an engaging, inspiring, and challenging environment

District Goals

BCCS will become a destination district. Families and organizations will choose to move to Benzie County Area to be part of the Husky Family.

1. Benzie will continue to grow in academics and build extracurricular programming; anytime, anyplace, anyway.
2. BCCS students will have an equal education as the highest per pupil spending districts have in Michigan and the nation as demonstrated by graduating seniors and the diversity of opportunities.
3. All Community members have a genuine and dynamic relationship with BCCS.

BCMS LEARNER OUTCOMES

PROBLEM SOLVING
SELF MOTIVATING
STRONG COMMUNICATION SKILLS
COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR
ADAPTABILITY / INNOVATION
LEARN FROM EXPERIENCES

BCMS Mission Statement

We challenge all students to Excel, Academically, Artistically, Emotionally, Physically, and Socially in a Safe Supportive Environment

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Choose One	English 7	The focus of this class is on writing effectively for different audiences using 6 traits writing. Students will also focus upon different genres of literature, novel study, oral and auditory communication skills and informational text and technical writing. Students will also develop an understanding of grammar and parts of speech.
	Honors English 7	The concepts of English 7 are already useful and understood for these students. Students will focus upon historical fiction, Shakespeare, and effective writing for different genres and purposes. Students are expected to read difficult text, as well as write and revise independently. Prerequisites for this class include teacher recommendation.
Choose One	Math 7	Math 7 - This course follows the Common Core State Standards for 7th grade which focus on the 8 math practices (taught K-12) and topics which include Number Systems, Expressions & Equations, Ratios & Proportional Relationships, Geometry, & Statistics & Probability.
	Honors Math 7	Honors Math 7 - This is an accelerated class to prepare students for High School Algebra I in the 8th grade. Content will include all of the 7th grade math expectations along with much of the 8th grade math expectations. This class is very fast-paced, so students must have a strong understanding of 6th grade math concepts, maintained a B+ or better average, performed well on tests, be an independent learner, & have a written recommendation by their teacher. Excellent attendance & work ethic is a must.
3	Science 7	An integrated curriculum consisting of the study of Biology, Ecology, and Earth Science. Students will demonstrate their knowledge through labs, observations, projects, and writing.
4	Social Studies 7	The student will study ancient civilizations through close reading, lecture, note taking, and activities. Elements of the course include geography, government, history, and economics.
5	Advisory	This class supports academic success and is intended to provide consistent adult guidance at school. All middle school students will be assigned an Advisor and will meet with them each day. Advisory builds relationships between teachers and students to promote academic achievement and character education.
6	Literacy	This class is designed to transform how students transact with text and lay foundations for students to become active, thoughtful, literate participants in our society. Students will rotate four times in a year; science, math, English, science. Each class will focus on literacy content for the subject matter.
7	Elective	See Elective Page
8	Elective	See Elective Page

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Electives Two Required

The following classes are yearlong; please review your options with your child and seek an understanding for their level of interest and commitment. You are required to choose two classes.

Band

The Benzie Band is under the direction of Mr. Mike Eagan. The band has received Superior and Excellent ratings at Band and Orchestra Concert Festival under his direction. The Band is comprised of 7th grade students.

7th Grade Intermediate Band. This band is designed to offer students intermediate-level instruction in band performance skills in preparation for concerts and competitions with emphasis on music theory, interpretation, and improved technical proficiency. Suggested 6th grade experience.

Choir

The Benzie Choir is under the direction of Mrs. Christy Case. Middle school choir is designed to teach beginning singing skills through individual and group practice of vocal warm-ups & techniques, music theory, and performance. These skills are reinforced on a daily basis throughout the school year. In performance classes students learn most of the content and skills by experiencing them directly through performance of the music (learn by doing).

Physical Education

A co-ed class where health and hygiene are emphasized by earning grades for dressing out and participating in daily exercises and sports activities to increase physical fitness.

Benzie Theater Art

Beginning: Benzie Theater Arts class is designed to teach students public speaking skills so that they can become more confident individuals. It is also designed to give students a basic idea of all the elements of theater. At the end of the year we will put all the elements together for an end of the year performance project.

Art 1

Art 1 is a yearlong class for 7th graders. In Art 1, you will learn about art history, the elements and principles of art and you will create many projects using a variety of media such as clay, sculpture, painting, drawing, papier Mache, oil pastels and more.